

Agency 353

**State School For The Deaf****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	124.4	15,299	232	15,531
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	124.2	16,654	232	16,886
Difference	(.2)	1,355		1,355
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(0.2)%	8.9%	0.0%	8.7%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Washington Federation of State Employees Cost of Living Adjustment/Salary Survey		218		218
Super Coalition Health Benefits		339		339
Classification Revisions		18		18
Performance Pay		18		18
Nonrepresented Employees Cost of Living Adjustment		71		71
Nonrepresented Employees Health Benefit Change		20		20
Pension Method Change		(237)		(237)
Nonrepresented Salary Survey Implementation		41		41
General Inflation		(64)		(64)
<b>Subtotal</b>		424		424
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	124.2	17,078	232	17,310
Difference	(.2)	1,779		1,779
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(0.2)%	11.6%	0.0%	11.5%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Administration	16.8	2,612		2,612
Education Support Services	5.8	1,560		1,560
Maintenance	7.0	1,155		1,155
On-Campus Education Program	35.0	4,896		4,896
Outreach Services	14.4	2,140	232	2,372
Residential Program	45.2	4,715		4,715
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	124.2	17,078	232	17,310

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Administration**

The Administrative activity provides support services for the agency in the areas of human resources, financial, custodial, technology, strategic planning, and administrative oversight including the agency director's office and the board of trustees.

## **EDUCATION - OTHER**

### **Education Support Services**

Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) provides quality resources to deaf and hard of hearing students. Students at WSD are given the opportunity to compete in varsity and junior varsity sports on a regular basis. Any high school student wishing to participate is given the opportunity. Students benefit educationally from the addition of resources in the form of new materials for the library, which has an inventory of approximately 10,000 books, and the textbook fund which allows the academic program to replace materials in a timely manner. Quality meals enhance the students' ability to be attentive and learn. The open house meetings allow staff to share their knowledge of students and learn new skills as a team.

### **Maintenance**

The maintenance department keeps vehicles in good condition, provides drivers when needed, oversees the facility rental agreements, repairs equipment, cares for the buildings and grounds, and provides security for the facility. Additionally, when there are capital projects the maintenance department works with contractors overseeing the projects ensuring compliance and contract completion.

### **On-Campus Education Program**

Deaf and hard of hearing students from the ages of three to twenty-one are educated at WSD. Students who are educated on WSD's campus are provided with academic courses and curriculum which matches the Washington State Essential Learnings. Emphasis is given to communication; all students are given optimal assistance in the area of communication: reading, writing, and verbal/ signs. All courses and grade levels are taught by certificated teachers who communicate directly with students in sign language and have expertise in the area of deaf education and hold master degrees. Students are given optimal services in the area of transition services, vocational assessment, audiology, special language services, counseling, psychological supports, and social work.

### **Outreach Services**

The school provides evaluations, consultations, training, technical information, and clinical resources to deaf and hard-of-hearing students in public schools, their families, and the staff members who serve them. The Outreach Division works with districts based on referrals, requests, and training options. The school also provides support and training to families of deaf and hard-of-hearing infants and toddlers (ages one to three years).

### **Residential Program**

The WSD residential program is part of an integrated approach to the learning and development of our students focusing on the safety and care of students. Students develop a positive self-esteem and self-identity through multi-aged family groupings, social interactions, and low staff-to-student ratios. The program offers independent living skills, academic assistance, a language-rich environment, celebration of cultural diversity, after school programming and community-based involvement. In addition to providing a linguistically and culturally enriched environment, the WSD residential program offers a variety of recreational sports, such as football, soccer, volleyball, track, basketball, swimming, and Special Olympics. Other activities include outdoor recreation, field trips, arts and crafts, dances, and social activities for all WSD students. The residential program begins after the end of the academic day schedule and ends at the start of the academic program.